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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CA, OVIP (WARREN, J.H.)  
SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF AMBASSADOR WARREN'S MISSION IN WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON HAS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THAT AMBASSADOR WARREN IS SEEKING RECALL TO OTTAWA FOR PERSONAL REASONS. TIMING IS LIKELY TO BE LATE SPRING OR SUMMER, AND WARREN WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENT IN FIELD OF TRADE POLICY. END SUMMARY

2. PREMATURE LEAK TO PRESS PROMPTED EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON TO CONFIRM ON FEBRUARY 14 THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, JAKE WARREN, HAS ASKED TO BE RETURNED TO OTTAWA. MEDIA OF FEBRUARY 15 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO STORY WITH FURTHER EMBELLISHMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS WELL AS UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS.

3. JAMIESON HAS CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING WARREN'S FUTURE. AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 1976, WARREN HAD INDICATED DESIRE TO RETURN TO OTTAWA WITHIN REASONABLE TIME. THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY WARREN WILL BE BROUGHT BACK IN EARLY OR MID-SUMMER, AND THAT HE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO COORDINATE MTN NEGOTIATIONS AT THE OTTAWA AND (THOUGH THERE IS NO FINAL DECISION ON THIS POINT). HE HAS ALSO BEEN SPOKEN OF AS PIPELINE  
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COORDINATOR, BUT THE TIMING DOESN'T FIT. JAMIESON EXPRESSED REGRET TO AMBASSADOR THAT LEAK SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED IN PROXIMITY TO IMPENDING TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

4. WARREN HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD BE SEEKING RETURN TO OTTAWA FOR PERSONAL REASONS, WHICH

INCLUDED ATTRACTION OF RETIRING AND COLLECTING PENSION WHILE UNDERTAKING SOME FURTHER EMPLOYMENT. MOREOVER EXTAFF SOURCE TOLD DCM THAT WARREN, AFTER FOUR YEARS IN LONDON AND NEARING TWO IN WASHINGTON, HAS LOST HIS APPETITTE FOR PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIONAL ASPECTS OF DIPLOMACY.

5. EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT TO DETERMINE WHETHER WARREN'S DEPARTURE IS NOT ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY. WE HAVE NO CLEAR EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THAT HYPTOTHESIS, THOUGH THERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH WARREN'S PERFORMANCE, AND WOULD LIKE TO NAME A POLITICAL FIGURE AS HIS AMBASSADOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

6. PRESS SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO WARREN HAS INCLUDED MITCHELL SHARP, WHO BY COINCIDENCE IS BEING GIVEN MAJOR TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN TORONTO ON FEB 16 ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT LUMINARIES. OUR SOURCES DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF SHARP'S ASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON BUT THERE IS NO SUCH PLAN AS YET. SOURCES HAVE KNOCKED RUMORS THAT WARREN MIGHT REPLACE ROBINSON AT EXTAFF OR EVEN LEGER AS GOVERNOR GENERAL (DUE TO LATTER'S IMPARIED HEALTH).  
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